

Disaster Preparedness for Livestock

- **EVACUATE LIVESTOCK WHENEVER POSSIBLE.** Arrangements for evacuation, including routes and host sites, should be made in advance. Alternate routes should be mapped out in case the planned route is inaccessible.
- **Livestock owners with large numbers of animals not capable of being evacuated by trailer should get animals to high ground.** Open gates to pastures as cattle and other livestock instinctively seek higher ground.
- Avoid putting animals in barns or other dwellings due to potential high winds, turn them out into large lots, pens or pasture; they can seek cover on their own in brushy areas.
- Livestock owners who own small numbers of animals which can be evacuated by trailer should make sure tires are properly inflated and flooring is in good condition. Do not overcrowd the trailer to prevent injuries.
- Prior to leaving, pick up debris that might become a hazard in the event of high winds. Strap down feeders, trailers and other items that might blow into a barn, home or other dwelling.
- Make sure there is adequate feed and water for a couple of weeks.
- Basically, hay can be self fed and cattle can sustain on their own for a period of time.
- Make sure animals have sufficient sources of good water

All animals should have some form of identification that will help facilitate their return.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:

- **Call 911 ONLY** if you have an emergency.
- Schoharie County Emergency Management Office 518-295-2276.
- For non-emergency resource assistance call 211.
- For information about road closures call 511.
- Sign-up for NY-ALERT at www.nyalert.gov or call NY-ALERT by calling 1-888-697-6972.